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Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Reilley reports as follows: Week ended May 21, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 2 deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 15	Utstein	15	1	0	0
19	John Wilson	19	0	0	0

PANAMA.

Reports from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Perry reports, May 23, as follows:

The following vessels cleared from Colon to United States ports during the week ended May 21, 1904: British steamship *William Cliff*, for New Orleans, May 17, with 46 crew and 24 passengers; American steamship *Yucatan*, for New York, May 18, with 67 crew and 74 passengers; Norwegian steamship *Preston*, for New Orleans, May 19, with 30 crew and 1 passenger. The passenger on this steamer was making the round trip and was not on shore at Colon.

Mortuary report for April, 1904.

The total number of deaths from all causes occurring in Colon, Republic of Panama, during the month of April, 1904, was 24, giving an annual death rate of 48 per 1,000 in an estimated population of 6,000.

They are classified according to disease as follows:

Fever	9
Tuberculosis	1
Pneumonia	1
Dysentery	1
Whooping cough	1
Headache	1
Dropsy	1
Stillbirth	1
Cause not given	8
Total	24

According to nationalities:

Foreign white	2
Negroes	11
Native Colombians, etc	10
Chinese	1
Total	24

The morbidity in the town remains about normal, and there has not yet been any increase in the number of cases of malarial fever. No yellow fever has yet occurred, so far as I have been able to ascertain. Several cases reported as suspicious have been investigated, but proved to be malarial fever. No cases of quarantinable disease have occurred to date.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended May 19, 1904. Present officially estimated population, not obtainable; 1 death. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and whooping cough. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
May 13	Colombia	Mobile, Ala	16	0	0	0
15	Taunton	New Orleans, La	24	0	0	0
18	Hispania	Mobile, Ala	22	0	0	0
19	Fort Morgan	do	25	2	0	2

Report from Panama—Inspection of vessel.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, May 24, as follows:

Week ended May 22, 1904: The steamship *City of Para* cleared for San Francisco on May 17, 1904, having on board officers and crew, 75; cabin passengers, 13, and steerage passengers, 12; total, 100; all well.

I have been unable to get the number of deaths for last week in time for this mail. Will send both lists next week.

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Report from Callao—Plague in Lima and Antofagasta—Smallpox in Santiago, Chile.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, May 9, as follows:

During the week ended May 7 there occurred in Lima 15 new cases of plague with 4 deaths. With regard to the new cases the following data may be mentioned:

Race: Indians, 9; Chinese, 3; whites, 2; black, 1. Sex: Males, 9; females, 6. Ages: 57 years (1), 52 years (1), 50 years (1), 40 years (1), 30 years (1), 29 years (1), 14 years (1), 12 years (2), 4 years (1), 2 years (2).

In the case of 1 adult and 2 children I did not learn the ages.

This information is not official, but is probably not exaggerated. I hope to have official data for my next report. Sixty-two cases of plague are now under treatment in the lazaretto outside of Lima. Twelve have been discharged as cured during the week.

There are reported to be 40 cases of plague in the lazaretto in Antofagasta. Fourteen new cases were reported at that port on May 2—6 of them among the soldiers. Vessels do not stop there at present.